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### THERE IS A SKELETON IN EVERYONE'S CLOSET.

BY JESSE KELLY, PHILADELPHIA POET.

The following lines were found among the private papers of a lady who, when sold, died of consumption, two years ago. It has since been discovered that her husband had been a notorious offender of law, family, the knowledge of which brought in the direction of whose wife died.

Lord and beholder, two years ago my closer was pale and bright.

And in my heart, that saying old can never apply to me.

My skeleton's ear laid when all is light and free.

When the day was clouded, or when it was clear, my house was ever gay.

I could meet thy smile, with a happy smile, and enter them to come to my private room, and tell them with longing air,

"Tis prep in your closet, and they would reply, "No skeleton lurketh there."

But our parent, Adam Hawk, with footsteps light, entered my closet, and three baleful skeletons grinning at me!

It comes without warning, and dies it stands, and never has placed it there, but it comes every night.

Again the same—again all who have the name of CLAY. It is one of three awful instances of domestic passion, of hellish malice, that can only boil forever in the lava-like mass—seen in the volcanic houses of a volcano.

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It is so hideous that it can be seen by no man.

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